Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring description data for broadcast audiovisual ~~content,~~ contents, the method comprising:

·   a prior step ~~(20, 22, 24)~~ of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description ~~server (16);~~ server; wherein the step of acquiring and storing the initial request comprises downloading the initial request;

·   a step ~~(26)~~ of generating at least one subsequent information request on the basis of the initial information request;

·   a step ~~(28)~~ in which the receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ transmits the subsequent information request to the ~~server (16) of audiovisual content descriptions; and~~ audiovisual content description server; and

·   a step ~~(30)~~ of the receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ receiving description data supplied as a function of elements of the subsequent information request.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein during the ~~reception step (30),~~ step of receiving description data, audiovisual content description data is supplied as a function of a relationship between at least one date and time associated with the subsequent information request and the broadcast date and time of the audiovisual ~~content.~~ contents.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the date and time associated with the subsequent information request corresponds to the date and time at which the subsequent information request is transmitted.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein, the <u>subsequent</u> <u>information</u> request as transmitted is identical to the initial request.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein during the ~~request generation step (26),~~ <u>step of generating the subsequent information request,</u> the initial request is extended by specifying at least one date and time.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein, during the ~~reception step (30),~~ <u>step of receiving description data,</u> the data supplied is that corresponding to audiovisual content broadcast at the date and time specified in the <u>subsequent information</u> request.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein during the ~~request generation step (26),~~ <u>step of generating the subsequent information request,</u> the initial request is expanded by specifying a number of content items, and in that during the ~~reception step (30),~~ <u>step of receiving description data,</u> the data supplied corresponds to the requested number of audiovisual content items broadcast starting from the date and time specified in the <u>subsequent information</u> request.

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein during the ~~request generation step (26),~~ <u>step of generating the subsequent information request,</u> the initial request is extended by specifying a time interval, and in that during ~~reception step (30),~~ <u>the step of</u> <u>receiving description data,</u> the data supplied relates to audiovisual content broadcast in the time interval specified in the <u>subsequent information</u> request.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the time interval is defined by a start date and time and by an end date and time.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the time interval is defined by a start date and time and by a duration.

11.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein during the ~~request generation step (26),~~ step of generating the subsequent information request, the initial request is extended by specifying keywords corresponding to the names of description elements for broadcast audiovisual content.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein following the ~~step (30) of receiving description data,~~ step of receiving description data, the method returns to the ~~request generation step (26)~~ step of generating the subsequent information request, in order to generate at least one new request associated with a new date and a new time corresponding to the end-of-broadcast date and time for the audiovisual content for which description data has just been received.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step (20, 22, 24) of acquiring and storing an~~ initial request ~~comprises downloading (20) said request~~ is downloaded from a description ~~server (16).~~ server.

14.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step (20, 22, 24)~~ prior step of acquiring and storing an initial step comprises the receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ receiving ~~(22)~~ said initial request via a signaling channel associated with an audiovisual content broadcast channel.

15.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~step (20, 22, 24)~~ prior step of acquiring and storing an initial request comprises a broadcast server ~~(10)~~ supplying ~~(24)~~ and SDP type file corresponding to an address field of a description ~~server (16).~~ server.

16.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the description data is supplied in the form of an XML file.

17.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the subsequent information request is associated with a single audiovisual content broadcast channel.

18.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~while generating (26)~~ ~~the request for transmission,~~ during the step of generating the subsequent information request, a set of broadcast channels is defined, and in that during ~~transmission step (28),~~ the step in which the receiver terminal transmits the subsequent information request, as many subsequent information requests are transmitted as there are broadcast channels specified in the subsequent information request.

19.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~request-generation~~ ~~step~~ step of generating the subsequent information request, comprises adding at least one selection criterion to the initial request.

20.   (Currently Amended) A system for acquiring description data for broadcast audiovisual ~~channel,~~ contents, the system ~~comprising~~ comprising:

_____ at least one receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ for receiving ~~audiovisual content~~ an audiovisual content, including means for downloading and storing at least one initial information request comprising the address of at least one description server, means for generating a subsequent information request on the basis of the initial request, and means for transmitting the subsequent information request to the description server, and

_____ at least one audiovisual content description ~~server (16), the receiver terminal~~ ~~(12) including means for acquiring and storing at least one initial information request~~ ~~comprising the address of at least one description server (16), means for generating a request~~ ~~on the basis of the initial request, and means for transmitting said request to the description~~ ~~server, and in that the description server (16) includes means for transmitting to the receiver~~ ~~terminal (12) description data supplied as a function of the request.~~ server.

21.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the description server ~~(16)~~ includes means for making an initial request available.

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22.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the system includes at least one audiovisual content broadcast ~~server (10),~~ server, said server including means for transmitting initial requests together with the broadcast content.

23.   (Currently Amended) An audiovisual content broadcast server ~~(10)~~ for implementing ~~a description~~ the description acquisition method ~~comprising:~~of claim 1,

~~a step (20, 22, 24) of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal (12) at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server (16);~~

~~a step (26) of generating at least one information request on the basis of the initial information request;~~

~~a step (28) in which the receiver terminal (12) transmits the information request to the server (16) of audiovisual content descriptions; and~~

~~a step (30) of the receiver terminal (12) receiving description data supplied as a function of elements of the request;~~

~~the server~~ including transmission means for transmitting ~~initial requests~~ the initial request together with the broadcast content.

24.   (Previously Presented) The server of claim 23, wherein the transmission means are regular transmission means.

25.   (Currently Amended) A receiver terminal ~~(12)~~ for receiving audiovisual content to implement ~~a description~~ the description data acquisition method ~~comprising:~~of claim 1, including means for downloading and

~~a step (20, 22, 24) of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal (12) at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server (16);~~

~~a step (26) of generating at least one information request on the basis of the initial information request;~~

~~a step (28) in which the receiver terminal (12) transmits the information request to the server (16) of audiovisual content descriptions; and~~

~~a step (30) of the receiver terminal (12) receiving description data supplied as a function of elements of the request;~~

~~the receiver comprising means for storing an~~ storing the initial request and means for generating ~~a request~~ the subsequent information request to be transmitted on the basis of the initial request.

26.   (Currently Amended) An audiovisual content description server ~~(16)~~ for implementing ~~a description~~ the description data acquisition method ~~comprising:~~ of claim 1,

~~a step (20, 22, 24) of acquiring and storing in a receiver terminal (12) at least one initial information request comprising an address of at least one audiovisual content description server (16);~~

~~a step (26) of generating at least one information request on the basis of the initial information request;~~

~~a step (28) in which the receiver terminal (12) transmits the information request to the server (16) of audiovisual content descriptions; and~~

~~a step (30) of the receiver terminal (12) receiving description data supplied as a function of elements of the request;~~

~~the server comprising~~ including means for making ~~an initial~~ the initial request available.